



Media Advisory

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD HOSTS CRITICAL CAPABILITIES EXERCISE HERE

Washington D.C. -- The Chief of the National Guard Bureau is conducting a Collective Training Exercise, hosted by the D.C. National Guard, featuring National Guard Soldiers and Airman from various states.

The exercise, will take place Tuesday 4 April, 2006 at the D.C. Armory from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m., and will showcase many of the skills and equipment National Guardsmen would use in the event of a terrorist threat.

This exercise will include a wide range of chemical, biological and communications capabilities, decontamination, emergency medical services, technical search and extraction, and security support to civilian law enforcement in response to a weapon of mass destruction incident.

Guard resources involved in this will include a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Forces Package (CERFP) and a Civil Support Team (CST). The CERFP is available to any Governor, Mayor, and city officials to support the needs of the emergency response and emergency management communities.

Media wanting to attend this event need to come to the DC Armory at 2001 East Capital Street, SE. by 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, for a safety brief and an operational orientation.

Please note that this event will be run in stages and it will take approximately one hour to complete one run.

For more information about the DC National Guard, contact the DC National Guard Public Affairs Office at 202-685-9860 or 202-441-7874 (cell) or send e-mail to paodc@dc.ngb.army.mil.

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